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To: All Field Managers, California
Deputy State Directors, Natural Resources and Lands and Minerals

From: State Director

Subject: California Water Rights Training Course No. 1730-26 **DD: March 20, 2003**

Nominations are now being accepted for Water Rights Training Course 1730-26 to be held April 21-25, 2003 at the Lake Natoma Inn in Folsom, California.

Water rights are a contentious issue in carrying out our natural resource management responsibilities on public lands. At our request, the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) National Training Center, cooperating with the Forest Service (USFS), has developed this training specific to the water rights issues in California.

This training is for BLM and USFS personnel who work in the following program areas: water, range, wildlife, fisheries, realty, appraisals, acquisitions, minerals, wilderness, recreation, or planning. Special emphasis will be placed on water rights in the rights-of-way and land exchange processes.

BLM Field Managers, Associate Field Managers and Field Office Resource Chiefs as well as Forest Service Forest Supervisors and District Rangers are encouraged to attend at least the first two days of this training. During this time they will have an opportunity to learn from and discuss issues with representatives from the California Water Resource Control Board, Office of the Solicitor (SOL) and Office of the General Counsel (OGC).

A block of rooms has been set-aside at Lake Natoma Inn (1-800-808-5253). Room reservations need to be made no later than March 28, 2003. When you make your reservations please reference group **Number 51568**.

A draft agenda for the training course is enclosed for your information. For participants who attend the entire course, the course includes field exercises on Wednesday and/or Thursday.

Register for this course on the National Training Center web site. In addition, please send your list of attendees to Lenore Thomas ((916) 978-4655, lrthomas@ca.blm.gov) via email by March 20, 2003.

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